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In re application of Bengt GUSS *et al.*

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For: New Fibrinogen Binding Protein Originating
From Coagulase-Negative Staphylococcus

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the office action dated April 27, 2001, the period for response to which is set to expire on July 27, 2001. Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace the entire section labeled "Short description of the figures" which begins on page 2, line 1 and which ends on page 3, line 1 with the following:

Short description of the figures

The invention will be described in closer detail in the following, with support of the enclosed examples and figures, in which

Fig. 1 shows the adherence values as a function of fibrinogen coating concentration for the *S. epidermidis* strains 2, 19 and JW27 (Example 1A),

Fig. 2 shows percent inhibition for antibodies against fibrinogen, compared to antibodies against fibronectin (Example 1B),

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